(c) How many non-caste Hindus applied and appeared before the present Commissioner of Police to be entertained in the force as ordinary constables? How many were entertained by him?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR (*Commissioner of Police*).

(a) Two applied. None was entertained.

(b) Six applied. None was entertained.

(c) It is not possible to estimate the number. Twenty-one.

Mr. M. K. RAMAN (*Ezhuva South*).

Sub-division (c) to Q. 66—Is it because the number is so very large?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR (*Commissioner of Police*).

Sir, it is not possible to estimate the number. When their petitions were received, some were taken; some were returned with replies on the spot. I am not in a position to give the accurate number.

President.—Is their no record of the petitions received?

SHEIK ABDUL QADIR SAHIB BAHADUR (*Commissioner of Police*).

No, Sir. All petitions are not filed. Some are returned to the parties, and there is no record for the petitions so returned.

The Qualifications of the Museum Curator.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

67. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

i. Whether the present Curator of the Museum and the Zooat Trichur is possessed of any qualifications befitting him for the work he is entrusted with, and if so, what they are?

ii. Whether the said present Curator is an officer of the Government?

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

i. The duties involved did not require a full-timed officer, and, therefore, the appointment of one with academic distinctions on a big salary was out of

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the question. The present incumbent's fitness for the work is his qualification.

ii. The gentleman in charge is designated "Honorary Superintendent", neither more nor less.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

Sir, will the Hon'ble Member state whether the fitness for the work of the present Curator of the Museum was ascertained by antecedents or by examination?

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Sir, I want notice.

Appointments.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

68. Will the Government be pleased to lay separate statements on the table, regarding the Huzur Secretariat and the Departments of Revenue, Police, Forest, Agriculture and Industries, showing:—

(i) the number of men newly entertained in each department during the last decade;

(ii) the positions occupied and the salaries drawn at present in Government service by the men so entertained; and

(iii) the classification of the men so entertained according to their castes and creeds?

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Government cannot undertake to collect statistics for the long period of 10 years, as it involves a very laborious process, and as, in the opinion of the Government, no practical and public purpose will be served thereby.

The Cochin Tanneries, Ltd.

Mr. C. A. OUSEPH (*Chalakkudi*).

69. Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table the opinions it has obtained from experts regarding the Cochin Tanneries, Ltd., and its working?

Mr. A. K. VENGU AYYAR (*Secretary to the Diwan*).

Government cannot furnish such information without the permission of the Company.

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